

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERICA L. SHARRETT,

Defendant.

No. CR23-5018

FINDINGS AND ORDER ACCEPTING
DEFENDANT FOR DEFERRED
PROSECUTION, APPROVING
TREATMENT PLAN, AND
DIRECTING DEFENDANT TO TAKE
TREATMENT AS PRESCRIBED

THIS MATTER, coming on for hearing this 5th day of June, 2023 upon the defendant's Petition for Deferred Prosecution; the defendant appearing in person and by his attorney, Ross Brittain; the United States of America being represented by Barbara J. Sievers, Assistant United States Attorney; the Court, having examined and incorporated into the record Petitioner's Petition and Statement in support of deferred prosecution, the evaluation and treatment report prepared by Social Treatment Opportunity Programs (STOP), and the files and records herein, being fully advised in the premises, does now make and enter the following:

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I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A. On or about the 11th day of October 2022, Petitioner was charged with the offense/offenses charged in the Information. This offense occurred as a direct result of alcoholism/chemical dependency problems;

B. Petitioner suffers from an alcohol/drug problem and is in need of treatment;

C. The probability of similar misconduct in the future is great if the problem is not treated;

D. Petitioner is amenable to treatment;

E. An effective rehabilitative treatment plan is available to Petitioner through Social Treatment Opportunity Programs (STOP), an approved treatment facility as designated by the laws of the State of Washington, and Petitioner agrees to be liable for all costs of this treatment program;

F. That Petitioner agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the program offered by the treatment facility as set forth in the diagnostic evaluation from Social Treatment Opportunity Programs (STOP), attached to Statement of Petitioner filed herewith, and that Petitioner agrees to be liable for all costs of this treatment program;

G. That Petitioner has knowingly and voluntarily stipulated to the admissibility and sufficiency of the facts as contained in the written police report attached to Statement of Petitioner filed herewith.

H. That Petitioner has acknowledged the admissibility of the stipulated facts in any criminal hearing or trial on the underlying offense or offenses held subsequent to revocation of this Order Granting Deferred Prosecution and that these reports will be used to support a finding of guilt;

1 I. That Petitioner has acknowledged and waived the right to testify, the right
2 to a speedy trial, the right to call witness to testify, the right to present evidence in his
3 or her defense, and the right to a jury trial;

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5 From the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, the Court draws the following:

6 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7 A. That the above-entitled Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and
8 Petitioner ERICA L. SHARRETT, in this case;

9 B. That Petitioner's Petition for Deferred Prosecution meets the requirements
10 of RCW 10.05 et seq.;

11 C. That the diagnostic evaluation and commitment to treatment meets the
12 requirements of RCW 10.05.150;

13 D. That Petitioner is eligible for deferred prosecution.

14 III. ORDER

15 Having made and entered the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and
16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, it is hereby

17 ORDERED that the defendant is accepted for deferred prosecution. The
18 prosecution of the above-entitled matter is hereby deferred for five (5) years pursuant to
19 RCW 10.05 et seq., upon the following terms and conditions:

20 A. Petitioner shall be on probation for the deferral period and follow the
21 rules and regulations of probation;

22 B. Petitioner shall enroll in and successfully complete the two-year treatment
23 program recommended by Social Treatment Opportunity Programs (STOP) according
24 to the terms and conditions of that plan as outlined in the diagnostic evaluation, a true
25 copy of which is attached to the Petition and incorporated herein by reference.

26 Petitioner shall not change treatment agencies without prior Probation approval;

1 C. The treatment facility, Social Treatment Opportunity Programs (STOP),
2 shall file with the United States Probation Office status reports of Petitioner's
3 compliance with treatment, monthly during the first year of the deferred prosecution
4 period and every three (3) months during the second year. The Court may increase the
5 frequency of these reports at its discretion;

6 D. Petitioner shall notify U.S. Probation within 72 hours of any residence
7 change;

8 E. Petitioner shall abstain during the deferred prosecution period from any
9 and all consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or non-prescribed mind-altering drugs;

10 F. Petitioner shall not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways
11 without a valid operator's license and proof of liability insurance sufficient to comply
12 with the state laws on financial responsibility;

13 G. Petitioner shall be law abiding and shall not commit any alcohol/drug
14 related offenses or other criminal offenses during the period of deferral,

15 H. Petitioner shall notify U.S. Probation within 72 hours of being arrested,
16 questioned, or cited by Law Enforcement;

17 I. In the event that Petitioner fails or neglects to carry out and fulfill any
18 term or condition of his treatment plan or violates any provision of this Order or any
19 rule or regulation of his probation officer, upon receiving notice, the Court shall hold a
20 hearing to determine why Petitioner should not be removed from deferred prosecution
21 and prosecuted for the offense/offenses charged;

22 J. In the event the Court finds cause to revoke this deferred prosecution, the
23 stipulated police reports shall be admitted into evidence, and Petitioner shall have her
24 guilt or innocence determined by the Court;

1 K. That the statement of Petitioner for Deferred Prosecution shall remain
2 sealed, and all subsequent reports or documents relating to her treatment information
3 shall be sealed, to maintain confidentiality of Petitioner's treatment information;

4 L. That the Department of Licensing be notified of this Order accepting the
5 Petitioner for deferred prosecution;


6 M. Upon proof of Petitioner's successful completion of five years deferral
7 period in this Order, the Court shall dismiss the charges pending against Petitioner.

8 N. Additional conditions:
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11 DONE IN COURT this 5th day of June, 2023.


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14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

15 Presented by:

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18 Ross Brittain
19 Attorney for Petitioner

20 I have received a copy of the foregoing Order of Deferred Prosecution. I have
21 read and understand its contents, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set
22 forth herein.

23 Dated: May 24, 2023

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25 ERICA L. SHARRETT
26 Petitioner

1 I certify that a copy of this signed Order was mailed to the subject treatment
2 facility, on June 5,, 2023. The United States Probation Office was also
3 furnished a copy of this Order.

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